

REMARKS

Status of the Claims.

Claims 1, 8-18, 22-26, 29-34, 41-55, 62-72, 76-90, 97-120 are pending with entry of this amendment, claims 2-7, 19-21, 27, 28, 35-40, 56-61, 73-75, and 91-96 being cancelled and new claims 116-120 being added herein. Claims 22, 23, 26, 34, 66, 72, 90, 105, and 106 are amended herein. These amendments and the new claims introduce no new matter. Support is replete throughout the specification (*e.g.*, in the claims as originally filed).

Information Disclosure Statement.

The Examiner indicated that references 4-7 are crossed out of the Information Disclosure Statement filed August 23, 2007 (resubmitted on November 19, 2007) because the references are allegedly not present in the image file wrapper.

Per the Examiner's request, copies of references 4-7 are submitted along with this response.

A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is also submitted along with this amendment. As the Office Action was made final a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is submitted so the references may be considered.

35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 22, 23, 26, 34, 41, 48, 51-54, 90, and 97-115 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly indefinite for the reasons described in the Office Action at paragraphs 2 and 3. Claims 22, 23, 26, 34, 66, 90, and 105, are amended herein thereby obviating the Examiner's rejections and objections.

Claims 19-21 were objected to as allegedly being a substantial duplicate of claims 16-18, respectively. Claims 19-21 are deleted with entry of this amendment thereby obviating this objection.

Allowable Subject Matter.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 1, 8-18, 24, 25, 29-33, 49, 50, 55, 62-65, 67-72, and 76-79 are allowed.

Applicants also note that the Examiner indicated that claim 66 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the claim objections. Claim 66 is so amended herein and therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Examiner also indicated that claims 22, 23, 26, 34, 41-48, 51-54, 90, and 97-115 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and the claim objections. These claims are so amended and therefore believed to be in condition for allowance.

New claims 116-120 are dependent on claims believed to be in condition for allowance and are therefore also believed to be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner seek to maintain the rejections, Applicants request a telephone interview with the Examiner and the Examiner's supervisor.

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (510) 267-4161.

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